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EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO LONG ARTICLE IN YOUTH NEWSPAPER, "KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA," FEBRUARY 2, WRITTEN BY VLADIMIR GUBAREV, DEPUTY EDITOR OF NEWSPAPER AND MEMBER OF RECENTLY RETURNED SOVIET JOURNALISTS' DELEGATION (REFTEL). WHILE ARTICLE IS CRITICAL OF SOME AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, WHO SAY ONE THING TO SOVIET HOSTS WHILE VISITING USSR AND THEN WRITE "ANTI-SOVIET" ARTICLES AT HOME, AND GIVES SOME EXAMPLES OF "ANTI-SOVIET" THOUGHT IN U.S., ON BALANCE IT PRESENTS FAVORABLE PICTURE OF U.S. AND AMERICANS' ATTITUDES TOWARD DETENTE. GUBAREV LAYS PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT NEED FOR BROADER CONTACTS, AS WELL AS HIS PRAISE FOR RESULTS OF VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT. PRESIDENT REPORTED AS WELCOMING BREZHNEV'S VISIT NEXT SUMMER AS CHANCE TO CONTINUE "PRODUCTIVE TALKS." FROM OUR STANDPOINT, ARTICLE IS USEFUL AND RELATIVELY OBJECTIVE FIRSTHAND REPORT IN POPULAR NEWSPAPER AND TENDS TO BALANCE SOME OF THE HIGHLY CRITICAL COMMENTARIES ON U.S. WHICH HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED IN SOVIET PRESS.

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